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The Cornerstone of the Smithsonian
Castle was laid in 1847

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The success of American deserters
in the Mexican Army Against
U.S. forces delighted the Mexican
dictator Santa Anna who planned
to gather 3000 more and dissolve
Taylor and Scott's invaders.

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Of the Tenth American Army that served in the Mexican War (41,000) regulars, no fewer than 5,331, or nearly 13%, deserted, a figure that ^{had} never been approached in the U.S. Army's forces. A substantial number of the 41,000 were immigrants born in Germany or especially Ireland. A substantial number of them deserted.

of the 5,000 "Germans" in the ranks,
nearly 1,000 deserted; along with
445 German deserters & 457 men born
in other European countries.
Deserters were bitterly resentful over what they
saw as a double standard of military
justice. European-born troops were routinely
labeled as "foreigners" by nativist "American"
officers. They were also whipped, beaten, branded
crucified. Frictions between some of the officers
and men deteriorated to where officers
were attacked. Boston Bagg survived an
attempt by men to roll a lit shell onto his
tent as he slept.

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Tiny American Army = 41,000 regular
At the beginning of the Mexican War
there was a tiny American Regular
Army. There were thousands of volunteer
militiamen who fought with unsurpassed
valor under the brilliant leadership
of Gen. Winfield Scott and Zachary
Taylor (the Texas Rangers were of
immense help).

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Many Americans viewed this whole Mexican War as an ill-concealed effort by President Polk and his fellow Southerners to slap thousands of new miles of slave territory onto the map.

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Mexican War

Added 529,000 sq. mi. to the physical territory of U.S. And divided the nation along fault lines that presaged the Civil War. No War in our history would witness more brilliant feats of the American arms; no war would provoke such wholesale dissent, desertion and even treason.

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The first modern clock was made
by Antoine Reoier (1817-1892) in
1847.

Mechanical device

Elec. Alarm invented c1870

Feb 11, 1847

Thomas Edison was Born

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Dr. Hist

Germany

Anti-Jewish riots in
Prussia

Aug 20, 1847

Battle of CONTRERAS-CHURUBUSCO
U.S. forces routed a large Mexican
Army, led by Gen. Santa Anna
at Contreras and inflicted heavy
losses in Mexican Army at
nearby Churubusco on same
day, allowing Gen. Winfield
Scott to advance to
Mexico City.

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The photos of the twins were
subjects of an early
daguerreotype in 1847

they were born a yr apart
in mid 1780s in Itzenau
(close to Frankfurt).

Feb 28, 1847

1st railroad was chartered

1847-1849

George T Word was Governor
of State of Texas,

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An advance party of Mormons
set out with 72 wagons from
a camp near Omaha.

(The Mormons first fled New York,
then Ohio, then Missouri, then
Illinois before heading en masse
toward Great Salt Lake Valley.)
They forged a new road in north

bank of Platte River and arrived
@ Salt Lake 4 months later.

In the following years Mormons
would pour into the valley by
the thousands